

City of Santa Clara
INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Minutes of the March 4, 2008 meeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chair Peter Yoon, Maria Jensen, Jim Mathre, Yuki Ikezi
and Barbara Stahl
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: R. Rushton Hurley and Eugene Mirabella
CITY STAFF: Dan Beerman, Staff Liaison
VISITORS: Carmen Pascual (SCA)

Recommendation for Council Action – None.
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Chair Yoon called the meeting to order at 7:37 P.M. following a presentation to the City Council of visitors from Limerick, Republic of Ireland.

I. Roll Call

All present except Hurley and Mirabella. Both excused (Mathre / Jensen).

II. CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of February 5, 2008 were approved. (Stahl / Mathre).

III. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

Business cards were presented by staff to the Commissioners. The cards are being returned due a spelling error.

IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Visitors from Limerick included Mayor Ger Fahy and City Manager Tom Mackey. Token gifts were presented to the Commissioners.

V. SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION

A. SCA Report

Carmen Pascual presented the monthly report. Carmen is responsible for the SCA membership and corporate giving. Coimbra visit March 7-16 with potluck on March 9th and an Izumo visit March 25-April 4. SCA website is www.santaclarasistercities.org.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sister City International Conference

Mathre has not yet committed to attending and was asked to confirm by the April meeting. Ikezi and Jensen are not available. Stahl may be interested. The Council will determine if one of the Council members will attend or free the spot to a Commissioner.

B. Survey of Other City's Programs Update

None.

C. Limerick, Ireland Sister City Request Update

See note on Council presentation.

VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Yoon reported that he, along with Ikezi, Hurley and Mirabella, attended a welcome to Santa Clara party for the Limerick delegation hosted by the SCA.

IX. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner	Action	Date Due
All	Visitor Gift Ideas	Open
Mathre, Mirabella, Ikezi	Report on other Sister City programs	4/01/08
Mathre	Confirm attendance at the SCI Conference	4/01/08

X. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 7 PM in the City Manager's Staff Conference Room. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM (Mathre / Ikezi).

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Mathre, Recording Secretary